GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2118
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RESTRICTION ON LIFTING OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has decided to reduce the minimum quantity of wheat andrice which should be lifted by exporters at any time;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details regarding the impact of the decision of the Union Government on export of foodgrains;

(d) whether the Union Government are also considering to set up a Committee to resolve the problems of exporters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The minimum quantity of wheat and rice to be lifted by exporters from the Central Pool have been reduced from 25,000 MTs to 10,000 MTs and 5,000 MTs to 2,000 MTs respectively. This would enable small exporters also, to participate in export of foodgrains and is likely to boost exports.

(d)&(e): The Government has set up an empowered Standing Committee on Exports under theChairmanship of the Secretary (Food & Public Distribution).The Committee would meet regularly, intract with exporters and their representative bodies, and take expeditious decisions to resolve their problems related to exports.